

**“Lung Tissue Research Consortium: Tissue Processing
and Distribution Center”**

Request for Proposal Under: NHLBI-HR-04-09

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Small Business Set-Aside: No; NAICS 541710
Just in Time: Yes
Proposal Intent Date: April 22, 2003
Proposal Due Date: May 22, 2003, 2:30 P.M.. (Local Time)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This Request for Proposal (RFP) consists of a combined cover letter and table of contents, and sufficient information for you or your organization to submit a proposal.

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) is soliciting proposals for a Tissue Processing and Distribution Center. The Lung Tissue Research Consortium (LTRC), Tissue Processing and Distribution Center will be one center working with a network of centers cooperating to harvest and process lung tissue specimens for use in scientific studies of the etiology and pathogenesis of lung diseases, especially chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

If you intend to submit a proposal in response to this RFP, it is important that you notify Joanne Deshler, Contracting Officer. If you do not notify the contracting office of your intent to submit a proposal, you will not receive an individual notice of any amendments to the RFP, if any are issued.

Proposals must be received no later than **May 22, 2003, 2:30 P.M. (Local Time)** at the address listed in the item entitled "Packaging and Delivery of the Proposal". Also, please complete the form entitled "Proposal Intent Response Sheet" and submit as specified on or before **April 22, 2003**. This will allow us to prepare for the review of proposals. Note that submission of proposals using facsimiles or electronic mail is not authorized.

Sincerely yours,

Joanne C. Deshler

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Offerors are responsible for routinely checking this website for any possible solicitation amendments that may be issued. No additional notification of any amendments will be provided.

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General Clauses

This contains a listing of all General Clause Listings available. Any contract resulting from this RFP will contain the General Clause listing applicable to type of contract written and the successful offeror's organizational structure.

Additional Contract Clauses—Specific to this RFP

5. [**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**](#) (SECTION J)
6. [**REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS \(NEGOTIATED\) \[WordPerfect Version\]**](#) (SECTION K)

If you intend to submit a proposal, you MUST complete this document and submit it as part of your Business Proposal. If you are unable to access this document electronically, you may request a copy from the Contracting Officer identified on the cover page of this solicitation.

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